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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

4 October 1946

Chief, Legislative Liaison Branch

Meeting with Mr. Jerry Klutz

Meeting was held at 1100 between Mr. Jerry Klutz, author of the Federal Diary column in the Washington Post, [redacted] and Mr. Walter L. Pforzheimer. The meeting was the outgrowth of a request by Mr. Klutz for an interview with [redacted] in order to secure a story for his column.

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[redacted] stated that CIG preferred not to have any publicity if it could be avoided, and that the sort of material which Mr. Klutz desired was of the type which would lead to a security breach. It was stated that in a large percentage of the cases where agents have been compromised, or intelligence organizations penetrated, the fault has been traced back to an administrative leak.

Mr. Klutz stated that he had already been informed of our proposed budget figure, which [redacted] asked him not to publish, without any further comment as to its possible accuracy. Mr. Klutz was informed that as far as expansion of personnel was concerned, we wished to make no comment on our possible ceilings, but that a large percentage of this personnel was supplied by the various Departments and CIG services and that many others were secured by personal contact. It was further explained to him that any requests for particular types of personnel should not appear in his column as it would give too broad a lead to those who were seeking to piece together the CIG picture.

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Mr. Klutz stated that he thought a large number of former OSS personnel were being employed by CIG and was informed that that was not the case; he was told that the original order placed SSU under the War Department with orders to liquidate same, and RA under the State Department, and that the liquidation order still stood.

Mr. Klutz understood the security problems involved and appeared to be sympathetic to them. He agreed to omit references to CIG from his column. In return, he was assured that if he came upon some story which others were about to publish, or which was of such a nature that he felt compelled to publish, he should contact [redacted] further.

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